# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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AMENDMENT TO IMMIGRATION ACT
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**Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has proposed to amend the Indian Immigration Act 1983 to enforce compliance of statutory standards by agents recruiting skilled and semi-skilled labour for placement abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has planned to extend the Immigration Check Not Required (ICNA) status to more countries than presently available;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the proposed amendment/extension is likely to be done?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) & (b) : The Government has proposed amendments to Emigration Act, 1983 to address the present day concerns in emigration management and to provide for the promotion and regulation of overseas employment and the protection and welfare of the emigrants. The amendments are under finalization.

(c) & (d) : The Government has already placed 173 countries under Emigration Check Not Required category. As a result, emigration check is required only in respect of the following 18 countries − Saudi Arabia, Qatar, UAE, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Yeman, Libya, Sudan, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Afghanistan, Brunei, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and Iraq (emigration banned.)

(e) : The amendments are under finalization.